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NSC BRIEFING NOTES

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THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND INDOCHINA POLICY

- I. When Assembly reconvened on 11 May the Laniel cabinet decided to have vote of confidence on question of holding an immediate Indochina debate.
 - A. Vote scheduled for 13 May, starting at 9:00 A.M. (Washington time)
 - American embassy less optimistic about this vote than it was about similar vote on 6 May because of Assembly's response to attacks on Indochina policy in 11 May session.

 Consensus is that Laniel will survive by narrow margin largely

because Geneva still offers hope.

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